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Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

THE ousting of Anna Pauker from the Politburo of the Rumanian Communist party is not sensational news. One has become so accustomed to the thought that the purge is as an inherent part of the Communist regime as economic crisis is of Capitalism, according to Communist theory. Yet when all is said and done even the most hardboiled observer registers surprise at the monotonous regularity with which his predictions come true.

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"SCANTEIA" the organ of the Communist party in Bucharest announces that elections have taken place recently to all leading party institutions, and that as a result considerable changes have taken place. Anna Pauker has been dropped from the all-important Politburo and the party secretariat, but she still is a member of another body, the "Org-Buro" though she appears only in the fifth place. This gradual demotion, carried out in two or three stages has come to be the rule. The marked man is relieved of some of his functions in the first instance, but retained in some minor capacity. This is called the "last chance" in official jargon, but *mirabile dictu*, nobody yet has ever been able to make use of it. Laszlo Raik in Hungary was the only well known exception to this rule, he was arrested almost at once. But Slanski was given a "last chance" for four months, Clementis for eleven, Kostov for three months, Gomulka and Patrascanu for as long as 18 months, and so on.

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UNTIL now the purges have affected Rumania less than other "people's democracies." The former general secretary of the party, Patrascanu, was ousted in 1948 but this was the only known case, until a few more incidents occurred early in 1951: General Petru Borila, minister of public works, was dismissed, and a few weeks later was followed by Georges Vassilichi, the Politburo member for economic coordination. Early in 1952 Mr. Vassili Luka, also a Politburo member and a deputy prime minister, was relieved of some of his functions, and now he has lost the remainder. Another of the present victims of Techari Georgescu, minister of the interior for seven years and head of the secret police, who was responsible for the deportations from Bucharest.

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ANNA Pauker and Vassili Luka headed the party secretariat who staged the coup in February 1948 and later compelled the king to resign. The third party boss who collaborated with them was Mr. Bodnaras, minister of war, but as it happens no member of this trio was a "real Rumanian" by origin. — Luka is a Transylvanian by birth and Bodnaras a Bessarabian of Ukrainian extraction. A fourth leader had to be adopted, Mr. Gheorgiu Dej, who emerged in recent years as "number one" of the party hierarchy, though insiders claimed that his position was insecure in view of past mistakes and deviations. Of the original big four of Rumanian Communism two have now been excluded from the party leadership and there are no details as yet about Messrs. Bodnaras and Gheorgiu Dej.

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THE question inevitably arises: What is the reason for this development? Have there been any internal crisis, disputes or deviations? Past experience teaches that such reflections are in most cases completely irrelevant: There may have been deviations, but those who did not deviate as frequently fall victim to the purges. There may have been failures, but those responsible for them often maintain their positions while their critics are ousted. The background of the purges is utterly irrational: Everybody knows that they will continue, only the names of the next victims remain shrouded in merciful uncertainty.

Jerusalem, June 1.

Jordan Arrests Two Officials For 'Peace Rumours'

BEIRUT, Saturday. — Two former Jordan Government officials were among those arrested on Thursday in Amman on charges of spreading rumours that King Talal would abdicate immediately and that Prime Minister Tewfik Abul Huda had made peace overtures to Israel, it was reported today.

The two men are Farhan Shubbilat, former Count Chamberlain, who is under house arrest, and Munir Riffa'i, now in prison. Riffa'i is a close relative of former Prime Minister Samir Riffa'i.

A third former Government official, Nasr e-Din Nashashibi, also one-time Court Chamberlain, has been named as a party to the conspiracy but is still free in Beirut.

After the arrests Premier Abul Huda issued a statement flatly denying that any peace overtures had been made to Israel. Even if it would be in Jordan's interests one day to make a separate peace with Israel without the general consent of all Arab countries, he said, "I would not be the man to take this step."

'Evil Rumours'

He made the statement at a second press conference within 10 days following "persistent and continuous evil rumours" spreading through the country and published in the Damascus press almost daily regarding a rift between King Talal and his Cabinet, the future of Jerusalem and peace with Israel (according to "A-Diffa").

Abul Huda said the reports were causing great confusion and panic throughout the country and resulted in the mass flight of thousands of Arabs from their homes. He denied rumours of Jordan's intention to hand over any part of its territory to Israel — such as Latrun, Imwas and Seita (in the Little Triangle) — and said, "I shall never give facilities to the Jews except as might be agreed on with the Arab Governments."

He also denied a conflict over the internationalization of Jerusalem between King Talal (who reportedly advocates it) and himself. He added that the truce signed in Rhodes with Israel representatives was permanent, as were the truces signed by Syria, the Lebanon and Egypt, and there was no time limit to them.

The Premier said that when Spanish Foreign Minister Alberto Artajo visited Jordan recently he asked King Talal about the internationalization. Talal answered: "Don't you think internationalization of Jerusalem would lead to widespread Jewish influence over it?"

Tewfik Pahas concluded by stating that the time has not yet come to reveal the details of why the Triangle was handed over to Israel.

Incessant Disputes

In Cairo today the "Al-Misri" also published reports of a rift in Jordan. It said King Talal was forced to leave his kingdom following "incessant disputes" with Brigadier Glubb Pasha, Arab Legion Commander. The dispatch, which is from Damascus and quotes semi-official Jordan circles, said the dispute arose when the King ordered "repeated Jewish aggression to be checked by force, but his orders were not carried out." Later the King refused to renew the Jordan-Israel anti-infiltration agreement which expires on June 27 and insisted that two senior Palace officials be relieved from office.

The Government then invited a Swiss doctor to draw up a medical report on Talal's health and the physician ordered six weeks' rest. But the King refused to leave the country. The Government then insisted that he should leave as the "King's health is the property of the nation."

(AP, Reuter).

Adenauer Says Will Pay Israel

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — Chancellor Adenauer has promised Israel a "concrete offer" within the next three weeks and feels himself "morally bound" to work out reparations for Nazi damages, according to a communique issued after Dr. Adenauer's talks with Dr. Nahum Goldmann here last Wednesday.

Dr. Adenauer explained that the offer had not been made earlier because the German government was so busy negotiating with the Western powers over the 'peace contract' and EDC. He promised new detailed proposals shortly as a basis for the continuation of the Hague talks.

On his arrival in New York Dr. Goldmann stated that only after seeing the offer would Israel decide whether to recommence the Hague talks.

Priority Justified

Questioned in London about his attitude to Israel's claim for a priority settlement for Jewish claims Hermann Abs, leader of the German delegation to the London Debt Talks said that priority for Israel was fully justified from one point of view because of Israel's pressing need, as she certainly could not wait many years before receiving payment.

He added however that it was "neither legally correct nor economically possible" for one party to be paid in full before another party received a penny.

(U.P., Reuter)

Senate Approves New Aid Bill at $6,700m.

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Senate on Wednesday night passed a new $6,700m. "guns and butter" foreign aid programme to strengthen western defences.

This was $1,200m. less than the amount asked for by President Truman to finance for another year the Mutual Security Programme.

Voting on the whole bill which now goes to a joint conference of the Senate and the House of Representatives, was 84 in favour, 10 against. The House had last week voted to reduce the President's proposed funds to $6,162,600,000.

An amendment by Senator James Kem (Rep.) which would ban aid to any nation which shipped strategic war materials to Communist nations was accepted.

If finally approved the Senate bill would be for the fiscal year 1953, starting next July. The breakdown for the division of funds is: Europe, $3,515,295,500 for direct military aid and $1,542,866,000 for economic defence support geared to re-armament.

Middle East and Africa: $814,263,000 military aid, $166,227,500 economic aid, including $55,126,000 for Israel refugees. The rest is for Asia, the Pacific and Latin America.

Byroade in Athens On Three-Day Visit

ATHENS, Saturday (AP). — Mr. Henry Byroade, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, arrived here from Turkey today on a three-day visit. He is scheduled to have talks with Acting Premier Sophocles Venizelos and with leading Greek and U.S. officials.

Arabs Protest To Big 3 Over Jerusalem

All Arab countries have agreed to send a joint protest to the U.S., Britain and France against the transfer of Israel's Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem, Philip Bey Takla, Lebanese Foreign Minister, told Parliament on Thursday night.

The Lebanese Parliament unanimously approved a motion condemning Israel's transfer of its capital to Jerusalem as a "direct defiance of U.N. decisions."

SUDANESE AND HILALI OPEN TALKS

ALEXANDRIA, Saturday. — A Sudanese delegation seeking complete independence for their country opened talks with Premier Hilali Pasha today. The talks are aimed at reconciling differences over King Farouk's claim to be recognized as King of the Sudan and the Sudanese desire for self-determination.

Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, arrived in London by air from Khartoum on Thursday on a holiday in Britain. Sir Robert is expected to have discussions at the Foreign Office on the latest situation in the Sudan.

In Cairo today a military court overruled Ahmed Hussein's incompetence plea and decided to go ahead with the trial of the leader of Egypt's Socialist Party and five others, accused of instigating Cairo's January 26 fire riots.

Hussein was not present in court today and is reported to be extremely weak after several days of hunger strike. A report read in court said he was now drinking some milk and fruit juice but still took no food.

(Reuter, AP)

Western Creditors Reject Bonn Offer

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Twenty-seven creditor nations yesterday rejected the West German proposal for a settlement of Germany's pre-war external debt, an authoritative source said here last night.

The creditors suggested that the West German government improve its present offer and said the proposed offer was deeply disappointing. They told the conference Steering Committee they were prepared to take a realistic view, but a study of the German offer had led them to the unanimous conclusion that it was far below what would constitute a fair and equitable settlement.

The creditors said that the amount offered (transfer of 170m. marks annually rising to 270m. marks after a few years) will have to be very substantially increased.

The British Treasury last night issued a reply given by Herman Abs, the German spokesman, who said he did not think the solution of the settlement lay in trying to revise the West German offer. He expressed his doubts whether the creditors fully understood West Germany's financial and economic problems and referred to the burden which the 9,500,000 refugees from the Eastern Zone and total loss of German assets in foreign countries presented.

The private talks here now recess over Whitsun, but the representatives will be meeting throughout the rest of the week.

Germany's pre-war debts were officially estimated in 1940 at about 11,000m. marks, but claims presented since have raised the figure to 16,640m. marks.

Rumanian Shake-up Ousts Pauker

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The biggest shake-up and purge in Rumania since the end of World War II is described in diplomatic dispatches from Bucharest. Altogether seven persons, including Foreign Minister Anna Pauker — long-time friend of Generalissimo Stalin and one of the top executives in the Communist hierarchy, — have been eliminated from the Rumanian Communist Party's all-powerful Politburo.

The other four members eliminated from the Politburo are: Lotar Radeceanu, former left-wing Social Democrat leader; Georges Vasilichi, discharged as Minister of Mines and Petroleum in March last year; Stefan Voitec; and Theodor Iordachescu, Social Democrat leaders.

Czech President Klement Gottwald has suspended Jan Svercik, Deputy Prime Minister and Head of the Department of Physical Culture from his official duties, Prague Radio said yesterday. No further details were given.

The dismissals began last week when Vice-Premier Vasalli Luka, in charge of financial affairs, and Techari Georgescu, Minister of the Interior, were removed from their positions. Although Anna Pauker has been removed from the Politburo she still retains her post of Vice-Premier and Minister for Internal Affairs for the time being. *(A.P. Reuter)*

3 Dead, 130 Held in Tokyo Riots

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter)— Japanese police arrested 130 people after yesterday's Communist-led riots, police announced today.

More than 20 police were injured in demonstrations throughout the country. Police in Tokyo shot and killed two demonstrators and a third died in hospital today.

By nightfall yesterday 25,000 police had been mobilized throughout the country following street battles with 3,000 demonstrators in Tokyo's Shinjuku suburb. The demonstrators carried slogans demanding the overthrow of the Yoshida Government, the cessation of rearmament and revocation of the Subversive Activities Prevention Bill which trade unions claim are aimed at suppressing their collective bargaining power.

Meanwhile, Japan yesterday notified the Soviet Diplomatic Mission in Tokyo that its functions ceased when the occupation ended on April 28.

Fuel Cut Methods Still Being Discussed

The regulations governing the 10 per cent cut in fuel consumption in industry have not been worked out completely, it was learned in Jerusalem on Thursday. Representatives of the Ministry of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association are discussing fuel reduction problems, it was said.

Proposals for fuel savings which are based on the programme worked out in Britain during World War II, include priority allocations to essential industries.

Vice President Of S. Korea Charges Rhee with Coup

PUSAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Kim Sung Soo, Vice President of South Korea, resigned yesterday and accused President Syngman Rhee of organizing a coup d'etat. He said in a statement he was ashamed "to see my name in the list of Syngman Rhee's bureaucratic, dictatorial and corrupt regime."

The President was carrying out a coup by arresting National Assembly Members under provisions of martial law proclaimed for political purposes, Kim declared. He claimed that presidential agents were attached to all Government offices, controlling Ministries.

Two more members of the National Assembly were arrested this morning, making a total of 11 Assembly members arrested since President Syngman Rhee proclaimed martial law.

The Speaker of the Assembly, P. H. Shinicky, who opposes the President, told the House today he had seen a black list containing the names of many Assembly members. He said President Rhee had given the list to the military police.

Predicts More Arrests

President Syngman Rhee last night also predicted further arrests under martial law of National Assembly members. He told reporters that "undeniable evidence" that large Communist funds have flowed in to "buy our National Assemblymen" have forced on the Government the duty of making an investigation immediately under martial law.

The U.N. Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea in a letter to Syngman Rhee yesterday rebuked him for ignoring a National Assembly order to lift martial law, imposed on Sunday. It also criticized him for the subsequent arrest of members of the National Assembly.

Although President Rhee denied that the U.N. Commission had urged ending martial law and releasing the arrested men, a statement from the Commission confirmed it had done so and said the Assembly had voted by 86 to three on Wednesday to lift martial law. In its letter the Commission said Assembly members could not be arrested except when caught in the act of committing a crime.

The National Assembly today by a vote of 82 to nil, with 33 abstentions, demanded the release of the 11 arrested members.

Minister of the Interior Lee Bum Suk yesterday alleged the existence of a ring of conspirators and assassins to overthrow the Government. He said the ring was planning to kill President Rhee, Prime Minister Chang Talk Sang and two other supporters of the President.

He did not indicate whether the 11 members of the National Assembly were involved.

9 Communists In POW Camps Killed

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter).— U.S. and South Korean guards today killed five prisoners in the Koje Island compounds when they opened fire on a working party which attacked them. Three other prisoners in the camp were wounded.

In another prison camp three inmates were killed in fighting between prisoners at Yonchon, south-west Korea, last night. An 8th Army communique gave no details. Thirteen internees were injured, one seriously.

In another compound on Koje Island gas-masked U.S. troops accidentally shot down two Communist prisoners, killing one, after forming a ring of steel around British troops entering the compound. Authorities said there were no disturbances and the casualties were caused when a machingun went off in a watch tower as an American team was cleaning it after action.

The Communist truce delegation at Panmunjom charged the U.N. handling of the riotous war prisoners was "designed to prepare the ground for an extension of the Korean war." A formal protest on the death of nine prisoners was entered by North Korean General Nam Il during today's session.

The Chief U.N. delegate, Maj. Gen. William Harrison, told the Communists the armistice would have been reached by now except for the Communist refusal to acknowledge that the prisoners themselves had already made a voluntary decision in the matter of repatriation.

The groups are to meet again as usual tomorrow.

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — A mass meeting of Moscow citizens protested on Thursday night at what was called the butchery of Korean prisoners on Koje Island — an issue which is assuming proportions comparable with the anti-germ war movement here.

Police Raid Communist HQ; Duclos in Custody

Charged with Threat to State

PARIS, Saturday. — Police sifted through mounds of seized documents and riot weapons tonight after staging lightning raids on Communists throughout France. The raids began at dawn today and ranged from Paris to Lyons, Marseilles, Bordeaux and La Rochelle in the extreme West.

The Ministry of the Interior claimed that "important stocks" of weapons had been seized, including piles of blackjacks, shoemakers' paring knives and cases of cartridges. It was not disclosed whether firearms were included.

The series of meetings and demonstrations which started on Wednesday night against the arrival of General Matthew Ridgway, new NATO Commander, in Paris and which rapidly switched to riots against the arrest on Wednesday night of M. Jacques Duclos, Acting Secretary-General of the Communist Party, and M. Andre Stil, editor of "l'Humanite," had calmed down by yesterday.

Both men were still under detention today after having been formally charged on Thursday night with action against the security of the State. A former charge against M. Duclos, that of possession of firearms, was dropped.

162 Charged

The number of demonstrators held for trial following Wednesday's Communist riots in Paris rose to 162 last night when six more men were charged with attacking the internal security of the State. Communist Municipal Councillor Auguste Lemne of Waziers, northern France, was admitted to hospital at Douai last night with a flesh wound in the abdomen from a policeman's bullet. Twenty-seven policemen were seriously injured in the riots in Paris.

There were no figures of the number of injured among the demonstrators.

The General Confederation of Labour, Communist-led trade union organization, issued a call to its three million members to strike in protest against the arrest of Mr. Duclos. So far, however, response to the strike call has been feeble.

The raids had obviously been expected by the Communists, ever since the arrest of Mr. Duclos. Members of the Communist front organisation in Paris were reported to have been burning papers for the past two days.

Zero hour for the raids in Paris was shortly after dawn, when columns of steel-helmeted police armed with sub-machine guns, set out in lorries for six different points in the city. Motorcycle police cleared a way for the convoys and radiocars followed.

'Fortress' Raided

About 400 police concentrated before the national H.Q. of the Communist Party at a busy crossing in central Paris, a few blocks from the Opera. They found the massive steel doors of the building already closed and barred, with iron shutters lowered over all the windows. Swirls of smoke poured into the sky as the occupants heaped documents into the furnace. The solidly constructed six-storey building looked like a fortress as police officers beat in vain upon the doors. A police lorry with a long extending ladder was backed into position so that police could try to force the shutters of an upper window, but they later abandoned this way of entry in favour of a locksmith who sprang the lock of the main door.

Police then surged in, only to encounter further obstacles. All electricity in the building had been cut and they had to grope their way with flashlights.

An Interior Ministry spokesman later gave the following official list of Communist offices raided so far: The Party H.Q. which also houses the Central Committee, the H.Q. of the Seine federation of the Party, the H.Q. of the Peace Partisans and the H.Q. of the Communist sports organization.

Police completed their operation at Communist Party H.Q. shortly before midday. They left a guard of about 100 men posted around the building.

E. Germany Blocked Off from Today

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter) — With the East German security measures coming into force at midnight tonight, East German armed police today swooped on three riverside enclaves just inside the Soviet zone near the British West Berlin sector of Spandau. They ordered about 100 West Berliners living in the enclaves out by midnight.

At the same time on the south-west side of the city 200 West Berliners living in Western-administered Steinstucken enclave about a mile inside the Russian zone were told they would be cut off from the West as from midnight, and the only road linking their homes with West Berlin would then be blocked.

West Berlin authorities said this afternoon they would protest against the swoop in three enclaves, which consist of groups of summer bungalows along the River Havel.

East German authorities went ahead with their race against time to seal off the border with the West by midnight. After that no West German or West Berliner will be able to enter East Germany without a special permit.

The move is a reprisal for West German signature of the Bonn conventions ending the occupation. East German Communists said the measures were to keep out "Western spies and agents."

Ditches, some of them six metres deep and six metres wide, were being dug along the border. Barbed wire barricades were going up to close roads.

Traffic on the 165-km. autobahn linking West Berlin with West Germany was unusually heavy today with many private cars and buses heading west.

Armed Soviet sentries on the autobahn again barred British and U.S. military cars from making routine patrols along the road. The Western allies were still waiting for a reply to notes they sent to the Russian authorities in Germany yesterday protesting against interference with patrols and against "obstructive" East German measures along the inter-zonal border and around West Berlin.

General Thomas Handy, Commanding U.S. forces in Europe, today added a further note to yesterday's Allied protest against interference with Western autobahn patrols with a further note to General Chtikov, Commander of Soviet forces in East Germany, informed Allied circles here said today.

Ulbricht Calls For Adenauer Overthrow

BERLIN, Saturday.—East German Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht called on West German youth last night to overthrow the West German Government, taking the Chinese and Korean liberation fighters as his model.

Addressing 250,000 wildly cheering youths in Leipzig at a mass rally, Ulbricht demanded a common national front throughout Germany against the West German Government.

Truman, Acheson Hail Bonn Treaties

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson flew back here from Europe today and was greeted by President Truman.

Mr. Truman said at the airport the pacts allying West Germany with the Western powers had made a great contribution to world peace. Mr. Acheson replied that the agreements signed at Bonn and Paris "would mean very much to the security of our nation, our Allies and all the free world."

Gen. Eisenhower Leaves for U.S.

PARIS, Saturday. — Gen. Dwight Eisenhower took off for the U.S. and a possible political future today after nearly a year and a half as the Western world's top soldier in Europe.

Gen. Eisenhower handed over his NATO Command to General Ridgway here today with the words, "Western Europe must unite far more closely or there will be no settlement of her difficulties."

Giving his last press conference here, Gen. Eisenhower listed these as the chief dangers to the defence structure of the West:

- Misunderstanding between the nations.
- Underrating the possibility of incidents along the "Iron curtain."
- Local thinking in what was really a global struggle.

He said the West realized there was no such thing as preventive war. He was delighted with the high standard of training and morale of the European troops he inspected on his farewell tour. *(AP, Reuter)*

Supra-Political Authority Favoured

STRASBOURG, Saturday (Reuter).—The 15-nation Assembly of the Council of Europe tonight voted by a large majority in favour of a supra-national political authority for free Europe.

The vote was 84 in favour, 8 against with 17 abstentions. This came after a long discussions on various proposals which succeeded two long days of general debate on means to link the Council with the European Defence Community.

The resolution affirmed that the conclusion of the treaty will not prevent negotiations with the Soviet Union at the appropriate time. It said the treaty still raised difficulties and urged every effort to remove these. It was particularly necessary to ensure that the E.D.C. and the forces placed under its control should be of a genuinely European character and that the engagements contained in the treaty shall not hereafter be questioned.

With most of the British representatives abstaining the Assembly also adopted a resolution calling for statements specifying the nature and form of the links to be established between E.D.C. and Britain.

The Assembly suggested that the proposed agreements, which might also be extended to countries other than Britain, should provide for these countries to associate part of their armed forces with those of the E.D.C.

Austria May Appeal To U.N.—Figl

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Austria would appeal to the U.N. if nothing came of the latest proposals for the Austrian peace treaty, Austrian Chancellor Figl told reporters here tonight prior to his departure for home at the end of a short but crowded visit.

"We shall try everything to recover our rights and our freedom especially now that all the belligerent nations have their peace treaties while we, a non-belligerent state, are still in a state of dependence.

"It is inconceivable that the state treaty with Austria should be linked with the question of Trieste. We have fulfilled all the conditions required for the treaty, he said.

Soviet Ambassador In London Recalled

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— Mr. Georgi Zarubin, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, has been recalled to Moscow and will leave London by sea in the middle of June, an Embassy spokesman announced here on Thursday.

PANYUSHKIN LEAVES

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—Soviet Ambassador Alexander Panyushkin, is leaving Washington on June 10 for a summer holiday at home, the Embassy announced yesterday.

An Embassy spokesman said the Ambassador would return to his Washington post.

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Social & Personal

A Women's Committee to prepare the Zemer Song Festival in August was chosen at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Zippora Sharett, wife of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, on Thursday. Mrs. E. Yaglom and Mrs. Z. Rubin head the committee.

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Dr. Avraham Ne'eman, Deputy Chief Auditor in the Finance Ministry, is to serve as Chief Auditor during the two-month absence of Mr. M. Zagagi.

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Mr. S. Moriel, director of the Labour Department of the Manufacturers' Association and member of the Israel delegation to the International Labour Organization's conference in Geneva, left by El Al for Paris and Geneva to attend the conference on Thursday.

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Dr. E. Schmorak, former Jewish Agency Comptroller, left for Europe by El Al on Thursday on private business.

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Mr. Emmanuel Ashrai has received the Italian Government scholarship given to an Israel student for the study of shipbuilding.

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Mr. Eliezer Livneh, M.K., is to lecture on "American Aid: Prospects and Illusions" to members and friends of the Israel-America Friendship League at the Haifa Technion at 8.30 this evening.

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Dr. M. Jammer is to speak on "14th Century Physics and Classical Mechanics" under the auspices of the Society for the History of Medicine and Natural Sciences at Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem at 8.30 this evening.

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An exhibition of Applied Art in Israel will open at the Tel Aviv Museum at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The exhibition is arranged in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and the National Advisory Council for Design and Development.

BIRTH

LEVY—To Erna (nee Ashermann), wife of Mr. Yehoshua Levy, on May 31, 1952, at the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem—a son.

SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bloom, of Los Angeles, have arrived in Israel to celebrate their silver wedding. They are staying with Mr. Ch. M. Katz, Pardess Katz, near Tel Aviv.

RECEPTION

Friends will be received at the home of Mrs. Sarah Klein, 9 Rehov Shimshon, Tel Aviv, at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 2 on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

ISRAEL-U.K. TRADE CAN BE INCREASED

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Opportunities for strengthening trade relations between Israel and Britain were discussed at Thursday's weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club by Mr. M. Silverston, Director of the Bank Leumi in London, and Mr. E. J. Aaronson, Secretary General of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce in London.

Both speakers stressed the present economic difficulties facing Britain, but said there were good chances of increased trade in the future.

Those present at the luncheon included the British Minister to Israel, Sir Francis Evans, who is an honorary member of the Rotary Club here.

Jordan Adopts Drastic Cuts In Attempt to Balance Budget

By GIDEON WEIGERT

THE Jordan parliament has just concluded its extraordinary session during which the country's 52/53 budget was finally passed. The budget amounts to some 12 million dinars (£12m.), including the £6.5m. British grant for the Arab Legion. A deficit of one million is to be met from reserves.

In order to bridge the wide gap between expenditure and revenue, over 1,000 government posts have been cancelled. The original budget also called for a 20 per cent reduction in civil service salaries, which, however, was waived by the Cabinet, following a determined strike of Government officials, and replaced by a temporary five per cent reduction.

For the past few years Jordan's budgets have been unsuited to the country's needs and potentialities. Revenue is scarcely more than 2 million dinars, while U.N. experts in a recent report stated that they are convinced this could easily be increased to between 10 and 15 million by proper exploitation of Jordan's natural and mineral resources. Very little is being spent on reconstruction, public works or improvement of the means of cultivation. Last year's budget (and this year's is virtually the the same), allotted only 167,308 dinars for scientific and agricultural research, improvement of seeds import of agricultural equipment, and development of natural and mineral resources. Yet Jordan, with an 80 per cent agricultural population, derives more than 70 per cent of national income from cultivation of the land. At the same time the budget listed 450,000 dinars for the import of American cars and spare parts.

Reserves Dwindling

This budget was strongly opposed in Parliament, and adopted only after Premier Abul Huda had pleaded with the Cabinet to do all in its power to improve matters. The Jordan reserves, which reached 1½ million dinars in 1949, are now dwindling away as, for the third successive year, the budget is balanced only by drafting from the reserves to cover deficits.

In a recent issue of the Amman daily "El Urdun" the economic correspondent states that "nobody in Amman seems to realize that the financial situation could easily be healed by higher taxes on imported luxury goods, a simple rationing system and a proper income tax to include foreign companies and foreign officials, at present exempt from taxes."

Speaking in parliament about taxation, Palestine Arab opposition MP's complained about the low percentage of direct, as compared with indirect, taxes. In Jordan, they claim, income taxes bring in less than a quarter of the total revenue, and these are collected from government officials and middle class men only, while the rich know how to escape taxation. At the same time indirect taxes account for 43 per cent of the total revenue. The rest is made up by grants-in-aid, U.S. Point Four and other loans.

A recent "A-Diffa" editorial said "our budget is again one for the upper class and does not solve the problems of the masses who suffer from unemployment, shortage of money and absence of the most elemental resources for increasing their purchasing power. The 1½ million dinars cut from the present budget, compared with last year's, were all taken away from the most essential reconstruction projects."

The 250,000 dinars set aside for the development of the Akaba Port are most unlikely to solve Jordan's urgent need of an independent port. The bulk of this allocation will be swallowed up by the building of the 350 kilometre Amman-Akaba road.

Meanwhile, Jordan continues to import her goods from Beirut, 370 kilometres away, while each month Syria and the Lebanon place new obstacles in the way of her transporting these goods through their countries. A ton of cement for Jordan which arrived at Beirut at 6 dinars c.i.f., costs the importer 18 dinars in Amman. Furthermore, it takes three months for the goods to arrive through the old Ottoman Lebanese-Syrian railways which have the concession on Jordan transit goods. Both Levant states refuse to permit Jordan importers to transport their goods from Beirut in their own trucks which could make the journey easily in two days. A large percentage of food and other goods is stolen or spoiled in Beirut's bonded warehouses and en route to Amman.

"We are trying to do all in our power to save the country from a catastrophic situation by securing loans and grants from Britain, the U.S., the U.N. and other friendly nations," Premier Abul Huda said in parliament, winding up the budget debate, which lasted for almost a month, but he had no serious proposals to offer for self help.

STEPS TO FACILITATE J'LEM COURT HEARINGS

Starting today Jerusalem Magistrates will be assigned to hear either criminal cases only or civil cases only. This step was taken to implement more effectively the requirement that each criminal case be scheduled for a hearing day after day until its conclusion; with civil cases also on the list, the Magistrates were not able to carry out this regulation.

For the first six months, after which the order is to be rotated, Magistrates Cohen and Mack will hear only civil cases, whereas Magistrates Peretz, Eden and Even-Tov will hear only criminal cases. The Chief Magistrate, Mr. M. Gaulan, will hear both types of cases.

'BASIC' HEBREW TEXT BEING PREPARED

The emphasis was on Hebrew at a recent meeting in Jerusalem of the Supreme Cultural Council.

In addition to approving a proposed draft law providing for language instruction for all who need it, the Council heard the Minister of Education, Professor Benzion Dinaburg, announce that preparation of a textbook with a 1,000-word "Basic Hebrew" vocabulary is about to get under way. The book will be based on a 10-month course of study.

The Minister also announced plans for the opening shortly, by the Ministry and the Hebrew University, of a school for translators; and for the announcement in the near future of a project to assure 10 "Israel Prizes" of IL.1,000 each for outstanding work in the fields of science, literature, art and culture.

PENTECOST MASS

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Msgr. Alberto Gori will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical High Mass for Pentecost Sunday at the Sanctuary of the Dormition on Mount Zion at 9:30 this morning.

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REVIEW OF OPINION IN THURSDAY'S PRESS

Israel Representatives Should Be Permitted Contact with Oren

The Foreign Ministry is considering a new approach to Czechoslovakia to assure legal aid to Mordecai Oren, the Mapam leader, who has been under arrest for five months, "Davar" (Histadrut) says. The Czech Government has refused to permit a meeting between a representative of the Israel legation and Mr. Oren.

"Hador" (Mapai) says the American Ambassador to Czechoslovakia was permitted to see the American journalist, William Oatis, who is imprisoned in Prague and Israel representatives should also be permitted to see an Israeli.

A "Davar" correspondent claims that Hashomer Hatzair has been using various means to conceal the deep impression Oren's arrest has made on rank-and-file Mapam members. Some leaders of the Hashomer Hatzair have told their youth groups that "Oren was arrested for black market activities," the paper says.

Israel Pioneering

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), commenting on the fifth conference of Hashomer Hatzair, says the youth group's main task is education for pioneering.

Pioneering ranks in the Diaspora have grown thin and the Israel movement now bears a heavy responsibility to provide the "reserves", the second kibbutz generation. The youth movement encounters many obstacles in its Marxist-Leninist educational programme in view of the "concentrated attack" of Mapai, the burgeoisie, clericalism and imperialism, "Al Hamishmar" protests.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) has a special issue on the occasion of the 12th conference of the party.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with a different aspect of youth activities, the death from sunstroke last week of a 17-year old Gadna instructor. The paper says our young people are our most valuable possession, and the Army should guard them carefully. The paper claims that preliminary investigation has revealed that the unit commander, despite the bad *khamsin*, asked the members whether they would like to continue hiking or not. Gadna commanders should be screened to find out whether they are conscious of their heavy responsibility.

The Knesset should deal with wider aspects of the problem. Until now, M.K.'s unfortunately have dealt with this issue along strict party lines, "Ha'aretz" says. The Religious parties complained about the alleged lack of religious observance in Gadna units, while Mapam and the Communists have opposed Gadna existence because they fear competition for their own party movements.

Black Market Supported

"Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Herut" oppose the Government measures against the black market. "It is difficult to demand that new immigrants know the Mapai control system," says "Haboker," defending an Iraqi immigrant who was injured in an incident with food control inspectors.

"Herut" says that if each inhabitant received two or three times as many food parcels, and if he were to sell them on the black market, nutritional standards would be raised and black market prices forced down.

A "Herut" cartoon headed "The locusts on their way to the U.S.," shows various Israel representatives who have recently visited America on economic missions.

Eye-Witness Describes J'lem Bus Disorders

Eye-witness accounts of the scuffle in front of the Bet Ha'am in Jerusalem last October, arising out of Hamekasher Company's plan to run a bus line from Jerusalem to Beersheba, were given at the trial of 13 former Egged and Drom Yehuda (now Eshed) drivers in the Jerusalem District Court last week.

Assistant District Superintendent J. Langer told the Court that when he arrived at the scene of the dispute the disorder reminded him of the attacks made on buses during the Mandate.

Mr. Langer testified that he saw on two occasions Egged buses being reversed and crashed into Hamekasher buses. Disregarding orders, the Egged drivers did not stop and when their arrest was announced, they refused to open the doors of their buses. Order was restored within 10 minutes, however.

Hamekasher drivers also testified that the bus about to leave for Beersheba was blocked by Egged buses. To extricate himself, the driver went forward and then reversed, thus smashing into the Egged vehicles.

Land 'Inventory' Now Being Taken

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — An "inventory" of types of land in Israel is now being taken and will be completed by the end of this summer, Professor Walter Clay Lowdermilk, the soil conservation expert now advising the Government, told a meeting of the Israel-America Friendship League here last week. The inventory would enable experts to determine the total amount of food which could be grown here and the population which could be supported by local production.

A Soil Conservation Institute is to be set up shortly, under Prof. Lowdermilk's guidance, to teach local farming experts the fundamentals of soil conservation, the speaker said.

In slightly over three years, the Soil Conservation Services have treated 240,000 dunams in 63 settlements, but soil conservation projects on a much larger scale are needed to check erosion and conserve water supplies. The Jewish National Fund has set aside 100,000 dunams for a large-scale pilot project. Before the land is parcelled into farms, it is to be treated with contour lay-outs, terraces, grassed waterways and soil-saving and reservoir dams.

Syria May Obtain Jets from Britain

Syria is to obtain a number of jet fighters from Britain, according to an ANA report from London.

Syria will first get two twin-propeller jet fighters for training purposes, while a later shipment will include 12 jet fighters.

England Beats Austria At Vienna

A goal by centre-forward Nat Lofthouse in the 74th. minute gave England a 3-2 victory over Austria at Vienna on Monday in the soccer international "game of the year".

Some 60,000 spectators packed the huge Prater Stadium in the Russian zone of the Austrian capital, including a new record of 231 reporters and photographers representing leading papers from 16 countries, including Israel (according to A.P.).

Austria opened with a 15 minute attack played almost entirely in the English half. The crowd roared when referee Gino Carpani (Italy) ignored a claim for "hands" against England's left back Eckersley, who cleared a shot by Austria's inside left Adolf Huber off the goal line in the 12th. minute with goalkeeper Merrick lying on the ground.

Ding-Dong Scoring

Lofthouse opened the scoring in the 28th minute, standing alone in front of the Austrian goal after a surprise English attack. One minute later Huber equalised from 12 yards. In the 31st minute England went ahead again when inside right Sewell scored. The tide was turning slowly against the home team. Surprise attacks left the Austrian defence stunned. The English were superior in the air, while the wet ground put the Austrians off their traditional fast low passing style of play. Two minutes from halftime Austria's centre-forward Dienst took a low pass from left back Brinex, one of the best Austrian men in the first half, and scored with a low, powerful shot from 18 yards The halftime score was 2-2.

In another surprise attack, Lofthouse scored the third goal for England in the 74th minute. While the Austrians crowded in the English half pressing for a goal, Sewell passed to Lofthouse, standing in the middle of the field. Lofthouse raced on alone and scored again from 14 yards out.

Hicks Prophesies Right

In a pre-game interview with the B.B.C. last Saturday, Bill Hicks, top London sports commentator, said that he thought England would win against Austria. When pressed to suggest the score he said "3-2."

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Notices to the Public

ORDER WITH REGARD TO RISE OF TRANSPORT RATES. DEFENCE ORDINANCE (ANTI PROFITEERING) 1944.

Transport rates, determined in each Order of the below-mentioned addenda, will now be fixed with an increase of 15% of the rate prevailing on the date of publication of this Order.

This Order will be called "Defence Order (Rise of Transport Rates) 1952.

ADDENDA

1. Defence Order (Rates for the Transport of Cement), 1949,1); 2. Defence Order (Transport rates between Tel Aviv and Haifa), 1949,2); 3. Defence Order (Transport Rates between Jerusalem—Tel Aviv and Jerusalem—Haifa), 1949,3); 4. Defence Order (Rates for the Transport of Agricultural Products and supplies from Emek Yezreel and Emek Hayarden), 1949,4); 5. Defence Order (Anti-Profiteering) (Transport Rates for Short Distances), 1949,5); 6. Defence Order (Rates for the Transport of Building Materials in Haifa and surroundings) 1949,6); 7. Defence Order (Rates for the Transport of Quarry Materials in Haifa and surroundings), 1950,7); 8. Defence Order (Special Rates for the Transport of Quarry Materials), 1950,8.

This Order is given in virtue of the power vested in The Controller of Road Transport in accordance with Para. 3 (A) of the Defence Ordinance (Anti-Profiteering), 1944,9).

MICHAL BAR
Controller of Road Transport, Ministry of Communications.
Jerusalem, May 25, 1952.

1) Kovetz Hatakanot 23 of June 29, 1949, p. 279.
2) Kovetz Hatakanot 23 of June 29, 1949, p. 281.
3) Kovetz Hatakanot 23 of June 29, 1949, p. 283.
4) Kovetz Hatakanot 28 of September 3, 1949, p. 358.
5) Kovetz Hatakanot 39 of Sept. 21, 1949, p. 429.
6) Kovetz Hatakanot 55 of December 6, 1949, p. 300.
7) Kovetz Hatakanot 102 of July 28, 1950, p. 1175.
8) "Haaretz" of February 27, 1950.
9) Official Gazette, No. 1359 of, Sept. 14, 1944, p. 726.

TO TRUCK OWNERS

Beginning June 5, 1952, the transport of passengers by truck will be permitted only by special permit issued by the Licensing Authorities.

On June 5, 1952, all special licences for the transport of passengers by truck in the possession of truck owners will be invalidated. All truck owners who have such licences in their possession on the date of publication of this notice, are obliged to return them to the Licensing Authorities not later than June 5, 1952.

Truck owners holding permanent contracts for the transport of labourers by truck, must equip themselves with a recommendation from the employers outlining the hours and route of the journeys, in order to obtain a permit.

After June 1, 1952, no permits will be granted for the transport of passengers by truck for purposes of trips, tours, festivals, conferences or similar occasions.

This notice is given in accordance with Para. 58 of the Labour Regulations.

MICHAL BAR
Controller of Road Transport, Ministry of Communications.

ORDER WITH REGARD TO RISE OF TAXI FARES. DEFENCE ORDINANCE (ANTI-PROFITEERING), 1944.

Taxi fares determined in each Order of the below-mentioned Addenda, will now be fixed with an increase of 15% on the rate prevailing on May 15, 1952.

This Order will be called: "Defence Order (Rise of Taxi Fares), 1952.

ADDENDA

1. Defence Order (Inter-Urban Taxi Service Fares), 1949,2)1); 2. Defence Order (Inter-Urban Taxi Fares), 1949, 3)2); 3. Defence Order (Taxi Fares in Tel Aviv and Surroundings), 1949,3); 4. Defence Order (Restrictions of Taxi Fares in Jerusalem), 1949,4); 5. Defence Order (Transport and Passenger Taxi Fares in Tel Aviv and Jaffa District), 1949,6)5); 6. Defence Order (Restrictions of Taxi Fares in Haifa), 1950,6); 7. Defence Order (Anti-Profiteering) (Restrictions of Taxi Fares in Petah Tikva), 1949,8)7); 8. Defence Order (Restrictions of Taxi Fares in Hadera District), 1950,8); 9. Defence Order (Lydda Airport Taxi Fares), 1949,9).

This Order is given in virtue of the power vested in the Controller of Road Transport, in accordance with Para. 3 (A) of the Defence Ordinance (Anti-Profiteering), 1944.10).

MICHAL BAR,
Controller of Road Transport, Ministry of Communications.
Jerusalem, May 22, 1952.

1) Kovetz Hatakanot 57 of Dec. 28, 1949, p. 327.
2) Kovetz Hatakanot 34 of August 31, 1949, p. 440.
3) Kovetz Hatakanot 41 of October 5, 1949, p. 9.
4) Kovetz Hatakanot 44 of October 23, 1949, p. 63.
5) Kovetz Hatakanot 37 of Sept. 11, 1949, p. 476.
6) Kovetz Hatakanot 125 of Nov. 3, 1950, p. 154.
7) Kovetz Hatakanot 52 of Dec. 2, 1949, p. 217.
8) Kovetz Hatakanot 102 of July 28, 1950, p. 1177.
9) Kovetz Hatakanot 23 of June 26, 1949, p. 287.
10) Official Gazette, No. 1359 of September 14, 1944. Supplement 2, p. 726.

STOCK MARKET
TEL AVIV

MAY. 29.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loan		
5%—1953 (reg.)	101	—
—1955 (reg.)	100½	—
—1956 (reg.)	100¼	—
Pop. Loan		
1959/69 (IL.10)	100½	—
1960/75 (IL.10)	98½	—
3½% Tawei Dollar	170	+½
3% Nat. Loan (large)	—	—
B. Leumi Ord. sh.	225	—
A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	103	—
4½% Pref. Sh.	108	—
Ord. Sh. "B"	115	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 48/63	89½	+½
6% Pref. Sh.	89	—
Bitzur Debs.		
4% 46/58	93½	—
4½% 52/66 reg.	90½	—
Nir Ltd.		
4% Debs. 39/59	95½	—
5% Pref. Sh.	63½	—
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	59½	—
Assis-Bejs B. sh.	188	—
Pass Debs.		
4% 42/62	83½	—
P.L.D.C.		
6% Pref. Sh.	138½	—a)
Ord. Sh.	225	—1
5% Debs.	123	+1
Afr.-Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	156	—1½
Rassco		
4% Debs. 56/63 reg.	77	—
6% Pref. Ord. Sh.	103½	—
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" "A" ord. shares	21/6	—
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Mekoroth Pref. Sh.	68	—
Ata 4% C Pr. Sh.	101½	—
Ord. Sh. "B" Sh.	147	—
"Teva" Ord. sh.	107½	—
Lodzia 4½% pr. Sh.	66	—
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S.A. Binyan Ord.sh.	90	—b)
Pal. Centr. Tr.	77½	—
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	63½	—½
Ser. 2	63½	—½
Ser. 3	66½	—½

Note: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex coupon; d) ex rights.

Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

8-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema. Bus 15. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.
9-1, 3-6: Exhibition of sculpture by Chana Orloff. Also on view: Works of art recently acquired in Italy. The Art Library is open daily from 9-1 and 3-5.30. Bezalel Museum.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities. Also: Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions. 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.
10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of photographs of the First National Photographic Competition. Also exhibition of paintings by the visiting artist, Maxa Nordau. Artists House.
11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

★ TEL AVIV ★

10-4: 1) Sculptures by Hanna Orloff; 2) Paintings by Marcel Yanko; 3) Ancient Coins from Eretz-Yisrael towns. Museum.
8.30: "Li-La-Lo News." — Li-La-Lo Theatre: Jascha Heifetz Hall.
8.30: "Of Mice and Men." Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.

★ HAIFA ★

8-5.30: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue.
4-7 p.m. Exhibition of paintings by M. Avnid — Artists House. (32 Rehov Hahar).

Jerusalem Cinemas

3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.
ARNON: L'Idiot.
EDEN: Pagan Love Song. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Singing Guns.
ORION: Anne of the Indies.
STUDIO: Macbeth.
Y.M.C.A.: East Side, West Side.
ZION: Girl of the Year.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 12.00, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 6.00 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 10.00 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Music Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Oriental Music. 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Music of the People (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: Concerto Grosso No. 3 (Handel); Concerto for Two Violins & Orchestra (Bach); Symphony No. 36 (Mozart). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.15 Greek Catholic Service.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.40 Light Music (R). 5.00 Vocal Recital: Rita Rosenblatt. 5.15 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Music (R). 7.06 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk by Dr. A. Bravd. 7.20 Variety (R). 7.45 "In the Courtroom." Talk by Dr. S. Z. Cheshin. 8.00 Wells of Work. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Symphony Concert: Ludwig van Beethoven: Overture "Leonore" No. 2; Piano Concerto No. 4; Symphony No. 8 (R). 10.00 Vocal Recital: Muni Locker. 10.30 Recital: W. A. Schocken & Moshe Lustig: Sonata No. 10 (Mozart). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

460, 228, 217, 43.9, M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.30 Talmud Lesson. 6.00 Story. 6.15 Close Down.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 11.45 Focus on the Israel Theatre.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.92 & 30.53 M.): 7.30 p.m. News 7.38 News Talk. 7.45 Programme Parade. 7.48 Music Time.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6 2.16 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Melodies. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Programme Announcements. 8.00 Entrance Ticket. 8.30 News. 8.45 I.A.F. Band. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.): Our Listeners Ask.

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Mainly cloudy, in the Negev khamsin conditions and dust-storms.

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A new club-house of "Habonch," the Association of Zionist Engineers and Technicians, was opened in Tel Aviv on Friday.

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A fire which broke out among dry bushes near the Ha'argaz factory in Tel Aviv at noon yesterday was quickly put out by the fire brigade.

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Unidentified persons broke in to the store of the local Kupat Holim branch in Ramat Gan on Friday night and stole 43 tyres.

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A former Jewish Agency employee, Eliahu Misrahi, who allegedly sold a "new immigrant certificate" last September, was detained on Thursday and released on IL.100 bail by the Tel Aviv Magistrate.

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A tourist who failed to declare foreign currency, as well as a gold watch and bracelet, valued at IL.1,000, was detained at Lydda Airport on Thursday.

First Bank Opening In Ma'bara

The first bank in a *ma'bara* is to be opened today at Talpiot in Jerusalem by the Union Bank of Israel Ltd.

The branch, although located in the *ma'bara*, is to offer its services to residents of the Talpiot and Mekor Haim quarters.

Anti-Black Market Raid Shows Effects

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Following last Wednesday's large scale comb-outs of the Rehov Levinsky and Rehov Hacarmel markets when 40 persons were detained and about 30 tons of goods confiscated, the checks on the following day indicated a marked improvement, it was learned from a Ministry of Commerce spokesman here today.

On Thursday, Ministry inspectors, who are on a "go-slow" strike, which they temporarily abandoned for the operation, combed the two markets, finding Rehov Levinsky empty of vendors and Rehov Hacarmel with only a few. In the Carmel Market, four persons were detained and five tons of goods, mainly vegetables, confiscated.

Meeting with Joseph On 'Slow Down' Strike

The grading of nearly 600 of the 800 employees of the Control Department of the Ministry of Commerce, now on a "slow-down" strike, is scheduled to be settled tomorrow, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. The employees' demands are to be discussed at a meeting with Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Commerce, and Mr. Ze'ev Sharef, the Civil Service Commissioner.

The slow-down strike enters its fifth day today.

Mr. Zvi Leiman, head of the Control Department, met Mr. Sharef on Thursday and discussed the question of grading and explained the difficulties caused by the strike.

4 RITUAL SLAUGHTERERS LEAVE FOR ARGENTINA

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (Itim). — Four ritual slaughterers left by El Al for a six month visit to the Argentine on Thursday, on behalf of the Chief Rabbinate and the Ministry for Religious Affairs. They will supervise the slaughtering of Argentine meat destined for Israel.

Addresses of Citizenship Rejection Stations Listed

The addresses of offices where declarations rejecting Israel citizenship may be filed, have been announced. The rejection must be submitted in person on special forms available at these offices by July 14 when the Nationality Law comes with effect. Those finding it impossible to appear in person may send the form by registered mail. Israel residents abroad who are foreign nationals must register their declarations with the nearest Israel representative.

The following are the addresses of the offices: Assistant Jerusalem District Representative, Queen Helena Street; District Representative, 138 Allenby Road or 45 Rehov Elath, Tel Aviv; Gaza District Administrator, Rehovot; District Officer, Ramle; District Officer, Nathanya; Assistant District Representative, 61 Derech Ha'atzmaut, Haifa; District Officer, Hadera; District Officers in Tiberias, Afula, Safad, and Nahariya.

The offices will be open daily between 9-12 noon.

Programme to Transfer 7,000 Workers From Towns & Ma'barot to Farms

Over 7,000 workers are to be transferred to agricultural settlements from towns and *ma'barot*, Mr. Yosef Efrati, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, said during a "Press Conference" broadcast on Kol Yisrael on Thursday night. He added that the Ministry's programme calls for their employment partly in farming and partly in soil preparation.

Over 350,000 work-days are to be provided by the Hakal company and the development company of Ihud Hakvutzot veHakibbutzim. Mekorot is to provide another 600-700,000 work-days in extending irrigation to cover an additional 150,000 dunams, he said.

The abolition of control on vegetables, except for six basic ones, and most fruits is to be announced shortly. Vegetables remaining under control include potatoes, onions, tomatoes and carrots while apples and plums are to be freed from control.

Steps are to be taken in the next days to increase the amount of vegetables supplied to Jerusalem, Mr. Efrati said. The Government will probably bear part of the transportation costs.

Differences of opinion exist between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Commerce concerning the fixing of agricultural prices. The present system, whereby both Ministries fix prices, has caused many difficulties in price calculation, he said. He thought that authority to fix prices should be vested in one Ministry.

The Government has increased minimum prices for surplus vegetables which it has agreed to buy, Mr. Efrati stated. That of potatoes is to be 95 pruta a kilogram and onions 100 pruta a kilogram, while the minimum price for tomatoes has not yet been fixed.

The price of milk is to be increased to 200 pruta a litre, Mr. Efrati said and added that the producer is to get nearly 180 pruta a litre.

Add Programme

Tnuva has asked the Ministry of Commerce that standard milk continue to be sold freely despite the seasonal decline in the supply of fresh milk, it was learned in Jerusalem on Thursday.

Sufficient quantities of milk can be supplied to the market by increasing the milk powder content from the present 10 per cent to 15-20 per cent, it was claimed.

Nutrition experts have also advised the Ministry to maintain the free sale of standard milk, as well as to improve its quality, it was learned. The latter request may result in a 10 per cent reduction in the water content of milk, it was said.

Histadrut Creates Labour Transfer Body

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—A decision to create a special Histadrut institution to direct surplus town and village labour to agriculture, was taken at a meeting of the Histadrut Executive's Central Committee, here on Thursday.

Such direction of labour was the only way to increase the supply of farm produce and put the country on the road to full employment, it was said.

The new body will be set up with the cooperation of the Agricultural Centre. The Histadrut has already received the assurance of the support from all its agricultural bodies. A special committee was formed to deal with the practical implementation of the programme. The committee will appeal to the Government and the Jewish Agency for aid.

Screaming Women Queue Up in Vain

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A screaming and fighting crowd of about 200 women in their last months of pregnancy queued up outside the Ata shop, at 51 King George Avenue here on Thursday to buy their allotment of baby napkins and bed sheets. Each woman is entitled to a small number of both.

The queue began to form at five o'clock in the morning, following a notice in the shop window on the previous day that the goods would be sold to all those in possession of the pregnant woman's card.

Three hours later, the 34th person entered the shop, but no baby napkins were left since the Textile Department of the Ministry of Commerce had arranged that 30 rations of napkins and 100 rations of sheets be distributed. The rush on the shop then began with women, some of whom were crying bitterly after hours of standing in line claiming that they had waited months for the napkins. The crowd dispersed when the women saw the shelves were really empty.

Fined for Throwing Fish Parts to Cats

HAIFA, Saturday. — Throwing fish remnants into the courtyard to feed stray cats cost Luba Klug, of 6 Wedgwood Avenue, IL.3 or two days in jail. The Municipal Court judge on Thursday rejected her lawyer-husband's argument that the Municipality had no authority over courtyard sanitation and that fish remnants for cats were not refuse, anyway, as the neighbours claimed.

Eleven persons, including two Municipal inspectors and two constables, were involved in the case and three Court sessions were held.

Crashes into Car Which He Chased

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — After a truck bumped into a private car in Ramat Yitzhak yesterday, the car driver, Aharon Ashkenazi, 32, chased the truck which did not stop after the collision, caught up with it, but crashed into it and sustained serious injuries. The truck driver, Menahem Weinberg, was detained and claimed that he did not know that he had brushed against the other car. He was released on bond.

Alma Levin, 18, of Kibbutz Tel Yosef, was injured when the motorcycle on which she was riding pillion collided with a taxi in Rehov Hatayasim here today. She was taken to Hadassah Hospital and the taxi driver was detained. The motorcyclist was uninjured.

Hashomer Hatzair Warehouse Looted

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The main Hashomer Hatzair store at 9 Rehov Degania here was broken into on Thursday night and 820 blankets and 11 quarter-horsepower electric motors were stolen. The value of the theft is estimated at IL.3,500.

On the same night, police, attracted by a strong smell of hides, discovered 80 sheets of leather hidden in a 25 metre-deep pit in a courtyard at Rehov 86 in Jaffa. The leather is thought to have been stolen.

Also on the same night, the flat of Marina Lubinsky, at 89 Rehov Bilu here, was entered and IL.5,000 worth of jewellery stolen.

Two Israel Soldiers Killed Near Borders

Two Israel soldiers were killed recently on the Israel border, it was announced yesterday.

The first was killed by a mine on Wednesday night when he was patrolling the frontier at the Gaza strip.

On Friday, during an exchange of fire with an Arab Legion gun emplacement near Ma'ale Hahamisha, in the Jerusalem Corridor, the second was killed. He was a member of a patrol, which came under fire while approaching a group of Arabs harvesting in Israel. Following a sharp protest lodged with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, an on-the-spot investigation ruled that the soldier was killed in Israel territory.

"A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reported yesterday that an Arab was killed on Wednesday near Nebi Samwil by Israel soldiers. The paper claimed that a mixed team of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission members headed by Col. Bennett L. de Ridder, which conducted an on-the-spot investigation, ruled that the Arab was killed 20 metres inside Jordan.

"Falastin," the Old City daily, said yesterday that an Arab was wounded seriously at Ras abu Atiah, near Kalkilia, in the "Triangle," by shots from Israel. The paper also stated that an Israel plane flew over Tel el Hamed near Nablus. Protests have been lodged.

Commenting editorially on the recent wave of border incidents, "Falastin," says that more Arabs have been killed in incidents since 1949 than were killed in the Arab-Jewish War. The paper demands that the National Guard should be strengthened. Legion patrols kept in a state of constant readiness and border villages supplied with arms.

Recent incidents in the Gaza strip have prompted Egypt to ask Major General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, to hold an emergency meeting of the Israel-Egypt MAC, ANA reported from Cairo.

The resignation of Ahmed Bey Toukan, senior Jordan MAC delegate, has been accepted by the Jordan Crown Council, the supreme body in the country during King Talal's absence, "A-Diffa" announced.

48 MARAUDERS IN WEEK

Three infiltrators were killed, two wounded, and 43 captured in the week ending May 25, an Army spokesman has announced.

Mikunis Issues Call For 'People's Republic' of Israel

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—A bid to replace the "Ben Gurion Regime by a "people's republic" in order to "give Israel a passport into the foreseeable future" was outlined at the 12th national convention of the Israel Communist Party by its Secretary General, Mr. Shmuel Mikunis, in a five-hour speech here yesterday. Outlining the Communist programme for this country, Mr. Mikunis said that it would be implemented immediately, and that he was speaking with the "knowledge of the facts."

He called for an "anti-reactionary and anti-American coalition of the working class, farmers, working intellectuals, artisans, small-scale bourgeoisie and part of the industrial bourgeoisie."

This would not be the Communist revolution, he admitted, but a classic bourgeois revolution. It would, however, be led by the Communist Party and would therefore "serve a useful purpose."

Some 250 delegates, about a third of them Arabs, attended the conference, which was opened in the Bet Ha'am hall on Thursday night by Mr. Meir Wilner, MK. A delegate of the Cyprus left-wing organization, A.K.E.L., brought the greetings of the Communists in Cyprus and in Greece.

The stage was decorated with red hangings and with two huge portraits of Lenin and Stalin. A small blue and white national flag hung in a corner.

Mr. Mikunis defined the present Communist Party attitude towards many issues. He proposed an "alliance" with Mapam, but accused "dissenting right elements" within Mapam of nationalist tendencies. These elements, he said, and particularly Hashomer Hatzair, were responsible for the lack of activity on the part of the Peace Movement in Israel. The Arabs, he said, found their mainstay in the Communist Party, and because the Government feared "Red Nazareth," no municipal elections had been allowed there.

Mr. Mikunis demanded "self-determination" for the Arab population in Israel, until the creation of an Arab State within the partition boundaries is possible. He admitted that Communists had "helped to organize" demonstrations in immigrant camps.

The proposed status for the Zionist movement, Mr. Mikunis said, created "another branch of influence" for the State Department. "The Mapam vote for it in the Knesset proved they were dragged behind the American chariot," he added.

Zionism, he said, was "a bourgeois reactionary ideology." Mr. Mikunis also had a harsh word against "secretarians" in his own party, who were content with theorising. They would have to do some practical work, he said.

In the future "people's republic" of Israel, he said, judges would be chosen by the people. The police would be replaced by a popular militia. The foreign policy would be that of "peace and support of peace-loving nations, with the USSR at their head. All foreign concerns, including the Jewish National Fund, would be nationalized, and the country set free for immigration after the Arab refugees had been returned.

The conference continued in closed session yesterday and today, and will wind up tomorrow afternoon.

Youth Must Choose Sides, Hazan Declares

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Ya'acov Hazan, Mapam M.K., told the 5th nation convention of Hashomer Hatzair here on Thursday that "youth had to choose sides in the world today." Some 4,000 persons, mostly children in their teen's, took part in the parade in the Yad Eliahu quarter which preceded the opening of the conference.

The convention dealt mainly with educational problems, it was stated. The movement has 66 settlements in the country, Mr. Hazan said, and its aim was to make young persons worthy of the pioneering tasks facing them.

Guilty of Selling Non-existent Daughter

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Found guilty of selling a non-existent daughter, Sakina Garbali, 50, an Arab woman of Acre, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment by the District Court here on Thursday.

The sale took place last June when, according to Mr. Omer Bikdash, 60, of Jaffa, the accused had offered him her daughter in marriage for IL.95. When he went to Acre some time later to claim the girl, he had found that the accused was childless.

Mrs. Garbali claimed that Mr. Bikdash wanted to marry her and denied having promised him a young girl. She said that Mr. Bikdash was old and half blind, a man whom no young girl would want.

Jewel Theft Suspects Remanded in Haifa

HAIFA, Saturday.—The four men charged with breaking into the Klein jewellery shop in Rehov Herzl on Wednesday morning, were remanded for 15 days by the Magistrate, less than 24 hours after they were caught. A fifth suspect was arrested here today. One of the four men, a Polish national, is reported to have infiltrated from Jordan.

Helen Keller Visits Haifa Institution

HAIFA, Saturday.—Miss Helen Keller visited the Seeing-Eye Dog Institute at Kiryat Haim on Thursday morning. The school is sponsored by the Palestine Lighthouse Incorporated of New York and is run in cooperation with the Defence Ministry.

Miss Keller was presented with a statue of a dog by the head of the school, Dr. R. Menzel, and spoke a few words of encouragement to blind ex-soldiers and civilians who had gathered there for the occasion.

PILOT HELD FOR ILLEGAL SALE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITIM)—A foreign pilot of an airline operating in Israel who is about to leave the country permanently was arrested here on Thursday by border police, charged with selling his furniture for $1,500. The purchaser, also employed by the airline, was arrested for illegal purchase in foreign currency.

RETURNING U.S. PILGRIM DIES IN CYPRUS

POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — A 65-year-old American tourist, Isidor Snider, returning to the U.S. after a pilgrimage to Israel aboard the Philippo Grimani, took ill when the ship anchored at Larnaca yesterday.

He was rushed to hospital but later died from heart failure. He was buried in the Margo Jewish cemetery here.

Checked Rifle Before Leaving for Duty

Salem Omri, charged with having killed his wife in Kfar Aminada in the Corridor, last March, stated in the Jerusalem District Court on Friday that the rifle he was carrying when leaving for guard duty, had slipped and discharged when he had tried to catch hold of it.

The accused had told the police that his wife had killed herself while playing with the gun. In Court, Omri explained the contradiction by saying that he had been frightened while at the police station.

Omri said in Court that he had loaded the gun, closed the safety catch and checked it. His wife allegedly took up the rifle and played with it until he stopped her. It is assumed by the Defence that Omri's wife had opened the safety catch.

Youth Drowns as Fuel Cuts Send Crowds to Beaches

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — One fatality was reported among the Shavuot week-end bathing crowds. Reuven Pinto, 14, of the Youth Aliya camp north of Nathanya was swept away yesterday morning while bathing opposite the camp. His body was quickly recovered but all efforts to revive him failed. The body was taken to the Tel Hashomer Hospital.

The fine week-end and the knowledge that this was the last chance for many bathers to travel to seaside resorts and beaches in lorries drew thousands to the shore yesterday and today. Settlements from the Sharon district sent a number of lorries to Nathanya with youngsters and settlement members, while thousands of other persons went by taxi. This evening long queues formed up for taxis and buses to take holiday-makers back to Tel Aviv and other centres.

The beach at Herzlia was crowded, with hundreds of taxis, private cars and lorries bringing bathers from Tel Aviv. An estimated 15,000 persons spent yesterday on the beach at Bat Yam, but few went into the water which was cold, with high waves driven by strong winds. Two lifeguards, on loan from Tel Aviv, were on duty at Bat Yam.

The Givat Aliya beach at Jaffa did not appear to be very popular this week-end, traditionally the first time "sabras" go bathing.

The Tel Aviv beach was crowded with many bathers despite the ban because of the polluted water.

In Haifa, the sky this weekend was overcast with two downpours, each lasting for about 10 minutes, shortly after noon. Townfolks enjoyed what may well be the last of public transport on Saturday and holidays in Haifa. The truck-borne service operated by the Labour Council will need new licences next week and it remains to be seen whether they will be granted.

CHILD DROWNS IN POOL

HAIFA, Saturday. — Eleven-year-old Shlomo Zietouni lost his life when he was drowned while bathing in the Galei Hadar swimming pool this afternoon. The body was transferred to the Government Hospital here. The cause of the drowning is not yet known.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY GADNA YOUTH'S DEATH

A committee has been formed to investigate the death of Uri Epstein, the Gadna member who died of sunstroke while on a hike between Hadera and Binyamina, it was announced yesterday.

The Gadna Committee of the Ministry of Education has placed on the committee a Ministry representative; two Gadna officials (one the chief physician of Gadna), and a representative of the Ramat Gan Parents Committee.

WATCHMAN FOILS BANK ROBBERS

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An attempt to break into the bank at Ramat Hasharon was foiled early this morning by the watchman who spotted a car with several occupants driving into the settlement from the direction of Tel Aviv.

When he went to inspect the bank a few minutes later, he caught the men removing iron bars from a ground floor window of the building. He shot at them, but the thieves escaped.

S.A. Veterans Appeal Separate Votes Act

JOHANNESBURG, Saturday (Reuter). — The War Veterans Torch Commando has petitioned South Africa's Governor General Dr. Ernest Jansen to withhold his assent to the High Court of Parliament bill.

The bill which would establish Parliament as the highest court on constitutional matters has passed through all stages in both Houses of Parliament.

It was introduced by the Government after the invalidation by the Supreme Court of the separate representation of coloured voters act.

Schuman, Hauteclocque Discuss Reforms

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — French reform plans for the Tunisian Protectorate were discussed today by Resident-General Count de Hauteclocque and Foreign Minister Schuman.

On his arrival from Tunisia yesterday the Count said that he would stay as long as was necessary to work out details of the reforms.

The Bey of Tunis is not planning to visit Paris at the moment, sources close to the French Foreign Office said today. This referred to press reports that the Bey would be invited to Paris during next month.

HEUSS RECEIVES RABBI BAECK

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — West German President Theodor Heuss on Thursday received Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck who is to attend a meeting in Dusseldorf of the Council of Jews in Germany of which he is a former president, and of the West German Central Council of Jews.

Dr. Baeck, whose home is in London, is President of the World Council for Progressive Judaism.

Cyprus Travel Ban For Lebanese Jews

PARIS, Saturday (INA). — A decree forbidding Lebanese Jews from travelling to Cyprus has been signed by the Lebanese Premier, it was learned here.

This order was issued at the request of the Syrian authorities who claim that Lebanese Jews go to Cyprus in order to divulge Arab military secrets.

Order Nisi Issued In "Fantastic" Case

If the facts of the petition for an order *nisi* submitted to it are true, the story is "fantastic," the High Court said on Friday. It called on the Bat Yam Local Council to show cause why it should not refrain from entering the orange groves and vegetable garden of a Jaffa farmer and from destroying the buildings and trees on his property.

The applicant told the Court that when he came to his fields on May 22, he found bulldozers pushing over trees and buildings to make way for a road. No authority whatsoever was shown for this act, then or afterwards, the petitioner asserted.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Assaf and Witkon. Mr. S. Barzillay appeared for the applicant.

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ARRESTED.—Wilhelm Brichler, 70-year-old President of the Prague Jewish community, has been arrested on charges of being a Trotskyist-Zionist and of having allegedly misappropriated communal funds, according to reports reaching Paris.

VISAS.—A number of victims of the Hungarian Government's forced alternative residence order, who were granted visas to Sweden, are not permitted by the authorities to leave the country, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights was told yesterday by the Swedish delegate, Mrs. Magda Rossel.

FUNDS.—The French Ministry of Finance has called on all French citizens with blocked accounts in Egypt, or claims against Egyptian citizens to register their claims with the French authorities. This request affects many Jews who were forced to leave Egypt during the past few years.

MOSSADEGH.—Persian Premier Mohammed Mossadegh yesterday paid a courtesy visit to Dutch Foreign Minister Dirk Stikker. Later Dr. Mossadegh visited Premier Willem Drees.

CEYLON.—The Ceylon United National Party Government has made certain of a new term of office, according to interim results published in Ceylon's general election. It won 39 of the first 71 seats contested during the last three days, and is sure to remain the highest single party in the 101-member House.

FINANCIAL.—The Prime Minister of Malta, Dr. G. Borgolivier, arrived in London yesterday at the head of an economic mission to ask for immediate financial aid for the island.

AID.—Norway will help India with technical and economic aid under a Government bill passed yesterday for the establishment of a 10m. Kroner fund for underdeveloped countries.

MASS.—20,000 women attended mass in the unfinished Cathedral of the Holy Family in Barcelona on Thursday, third day of the International Eucharistic Congress, attended by 15 cardinals, more than 200 bishops and 12,000 priests from all over the world.

FISHING.—11 of the 12 signatory Governments have now ratified the Fishing Convention of 1946, Sir Thomas Dugdale, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, told the House of Commons on Thursday. He said it was hoped that the remaining country, Spain, would ratify shortly.

AGRICULTURE.—Members of Parliament in the Council of Europe on Friday, asked that they be represented by observers at the next European Conference on Agriculture in Paris.

APPOINTED.—Dr. Olav Idsoe of Bergen, Norway, has been appointed Chief of the World Health Organisation's Venereal Disease Advisory Team aiding the Egyptian Ministry of Health.

FAILURE.—The International Council for Christian Leadership, a lay organisation, declared in The Hague on Friday that the failure of Christendom had brought Communism. The Council attended by about 200 delegates from 12 countries said the present world crisis is above all a crisis in the hearts of individuals.

TOUR.—The British Foreign Office has invited six Portuguese journalists to tour Britain this month.

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A WORLD political crisis may be precipitated by Soviet action in Berlin, the third time that Berlin has threatened to become a cassus belli since its statute was settled by the Potsdam conference during the optimistic days of European Victory.

BERLIN CRISIS

Germany's very existence poses a special predicament to the European diplomat. Any rehabilitation of a sovereign Germany is dangerous, yet Germany exists and somehow has to be fitted into world politics. Because of the split between the Soviet Union and the West, each side takes the path of least resistance and competes for German support, and each therefore has to regard its opponent's success in this field as a direct threat. In fact, both powers recognize the dangers with which their policies are fraught; the Western leaders admitted them explicitly and introduced a paper safeguard by their guarantee against unscrambling of the German forces in the European Army; the Soviet leaders have implicitly admitted the emptiness of their own propaganda, and appear to hope that by putting their puppets at the head of Germany they can keep it as obedient as they keep Rumania, or had hoped to keep Yugoslavia.

The Soviet offer of a completely independent and unified Germany is far more even than Messrs. Acheson and Eden were willing to concede, and has strengthened the bargaining position of German nationalists vis à vis the West. Moscow's apologists are surely hypocritical when they evoke the memory of Jewry's six million dead in their protests against the arming of West Germans while they support the formation of an army from Jewry's murderers which will differ from its earlier self only in paying lip-service to a "people's democracy" which itself now differs so little from national socialism.

The fundamental error of both Western and Soviet policies, lies in their implicit assumption that the majority of Germans are not too deeply imbued with nazism, antisemitism, and aggressive nationalism, to make them unfit to hold power. The Communists should know better than this. Let them look up their old files, and they find that the Germans, after having been peace loving citizens resisting Anglo-French aggression until June 1941, became for four solid years a nation of criminals and aggressors. Soviet propaganda emphasized in the strongest possible terms that the whole German nation was responsible for Hitlerism, that it should be punished as a whole, and that never should a German army be allowed to re-appear. By spreading the illusion that a few political changes could make the Germans wholesome, the Communists are opening the way for the further political rehabilitation of Germany.

The eagerness of the Communists to denounce German reparations to the Jews springs directly from Soviet needs. To admit the justice of Israel's claims on Western Germany would implicitly justify its claim on Eastern Germany. The Communists denounce Israel's conferring with Bonn over reparations, as a form of recognition of an unrepentant Germany, but Israel also asked the "purified" East German government to pay reparations, a request that the latter did not even answer. Israel will never claim for Eastern or Western Germans, the virtues the Communists now concede them.

Communists have gone as far as to claim that a reformed East German government has no responsibility for Hitler's crimes, yet the "people's democracies" of Germany, Hungary, and Bulgaria are still paying reparations to the Soviet Union for the same crimes. Perhaps this explains their unwillingness to pay them to Israel.

The present Berlin crisis is, in the first place, an example of Soviet irresponsibility and propensity to try 'strong action' to cover up its diplomatic defeats. Seen from a broader perspective, however, the Berlin crisis is merely one symptom of the German crisis, which every attempt by East and West to re-create German military and political power can only exacerbate.

U.S. Strengthens Turkish Army



In case of war, Russian strategy in the Middle East would aim at three great prizes:— 1. The Straits, giving Russia access to the Mediterranean; 2. The head of the Persian Gulf, opening the Indian Ocean to Russia; 3. Suez, throwing open North and East Africa. The accession of Turkey and Greece to NATO has strengthened the security of the Straits. Recent developments in Persia and Egypt have weakened the security of the Persian Gulf and Suez. Middle East Command, which is to provide a basis of defensive strength in this area, still hangs fire.

By ROBERT STEPHENS

ANKARA. — TURKISH policy is now subordinated entirely to one dominating aim — the strengthening of the country against a possible Russian attack. The American aid programme which has poured more than a billion dollars worth of military and economic aid into Turkey in the past five years has been a more spectacular success here in both the military and economic fields than in any other country. With this material assistance and the tactful advice of a 1300 strong American military mission — for the Turks are still a proud and prickly people— the Turkish army has been reorganized, re-equipped and retrained into a powerful modern fighting machine, the strongest in the Near East and one of the strongest in the whole of the free world.

The Turks have a famous military tradition and the toughness and courage of the Turkish soldier is proverbial. But until 1948, when the first American supplies began to arrive in consequence of President Truman's promise of aid to any country resisting aggression, the Turkish army was still a comparatively antiquated machine. It was a slow-moving infantry force with little mechanization and little in the way of modern weapons except the equipment supplied by Britain during the second half of the Second World War. Even this equipment could not be put to full use through lack of technicians to use and maintain it properly or of an adequate transport system to move it. The lack of roads in Turkey was considered by the Turkish command as a positive means of defence in slowing down the advance of a more mobile enemy.

Increasing Efficiency

Yet to maintain even this force on a semi-war footing was costing half of the Turkish budget. American aid was designed both to increase the efficiency of the Turkish forces and at the same time, by increasing the productivity of the Turkish economy, to relieve some of the heavy strain placed by defence on the Turkish economic resources.

Apart from American aid, Turkey herself is this year spending about £60m. on defence out of a total budget of £220m. With a population of about 20 million she is maintaining armed forces totalling nearly 400,000 men, the bulk of whom are in the army.

A large part of the army has now been mechanized and this, together with a large-scale road building programme, has changed the army from a static defence force to a strongly equipped mobile force capable of rapid counter-attack and the fluid tactics of modern warfare. The army now includes six armoured brigades equipped with American tanks, airborne troops and units equipped with modern anti-tank and field artillery

All observers agree that the morale of the Turkish army is excellent. The Turks are by nature a stolid, unemotional and socially disciplined people. The average soldier is a peasant accustomed to hardship and with a strong patriotic tradition in which fighting against the Russians has played a big part. The average Turk has no doubts about his potential enemy.

U.S. Advisers

But a highly complex modern army needs soldiers who are not only tough but also intelligent and technically trained. Although education in Turkey has made big strides in the past 25 years, half of Turkey's villages still have no proper schools so that a great part of the work of the American military mission in Turkey has been to remedy the chief weaknesses of the Turkish army in mechanical maintenance and numbers of adequately trained officers and non-commissioned officers. More than 30,000 Turks have so far been trained by the Americans, over a thousand of them in the United States and with the United States Army in Western Germany. These men have in turn become instructors to their fellow-countrymen, while American teams are working as advisers with the Turkish forces all over the country from the General Staff down to brigade level.

Illiterate peasant conscripts spend part of the first four months of their two years service in learning to read and write and to handle tools and equipment, beginning with a hammer, screwdriver and saw and working up to more complicated instruments. This training has more than a military value; it means that the standard of technical education throughout the country in civilian life is also being gradually raised and will help the mechanization of Turkish farming which is now also in full swing. The Turks are not particularly gifted for mechanical things and their virtues run more in the direction of solidity and reliability than quick-wittedness. But machinery now seems to have caught the imagination of the peasantry and they are enthusiastic to learn how to use it. The soldiers have a new army song — the lament of a recruit posted to a unit which still has horses and carts instead of trucks.

New Airfields

The Americans have no bases of their own in Turkey. But they have been building new airfields and improving existing ones and expanding port facilities. These remain entirely under Turkish control but would obviously be available for use by the Americans in time of war. For example, in the Adana area in south-west Turkey between the Taurus mountains and the Mediterranean there is now under construction an airfield which will be bigger than any now existing in Europe. A hundred miles further south, near the Syrian border, the strategically placed port of Alexandretta (Iskanderun) is being developed into an important naval base. *OFNS*

U.S. PRESIDENT HONOURED ON COMPLETION OF KFAR TRUMAN

Truman Sees New Era for Near East

President Truman was honoured for his support of Israel's fight for independence at a dinner marking the completion of Kfar Truman, in Washington last week, as briefly reported by cable. Mr. Truman's interest in Israel was commemorated in a scroll presented by Dr. Harris Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund, which sponsored the dinner. Excerpts from President Truman's address are given here.

THE growth and progress of the new State of Israel are a source of great satisfaction to me. I had faith in Israel even before it was established. I knew it was based on the love of freedom, which has been the guiding star of the Jewish people since the days of Moses. I was sure that under the leadership of President Weizmann, Israel would take its place in the family of nations as a strong supporter of the ideals of human freedom. It was a great pleasure for me when you named one of the new villages of Israel after me. I have been very much interested in the growth and progress of that village.

Some day, when I don't have so much to do as I have now, I want to go to Israel and see Kfar Truman, and talk to the young farmers there. Perhaps they can teach me a few things about farming, and perhaps I can tell them a few things about the way we farm over here, although I will admit that I am 30 years out of practice in practical, on-the-ground farming. But my brother, my sister, and myself still own the old home farm. Two of my nephews do as much work in this mechanical age as my brother and my father and myself with five helpers could do in one day.

Lesson of History

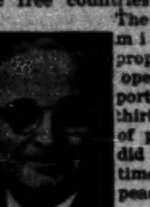
I hope that the people of Kfar Truman will have a wonderful future. But they will have to work for it, just as they have worked for the independence of their country. But I know they will make their village a lasting example of what free men can do when they are united in a great cause. The people of the Truman village are very fortunate, of course, in having the Jewish National Fund behind them. Through that fund, you have been working on the Point Four idea for fifty years. You have been buying land in Israel, reclaiming it, irrigating it, and planting trees on it. That was the farsighted way to build a new nation — start with the land itself. You have studied history.

You realized that the whole area of the Near East, that had produced some of the greatest civilizations of the world, was today able to support only a fraction of the people it once had. The trees were gone, the water was gone, some of the land was eroded away, and other parts were swamp and marsh. After fifty years, the founders of your organization decided to correct this situation in Israel. The work you have done is an outstanding example of what can be done to help the people throughout the Near East to help themselves. That is what we are trying to do in our Point Four programme. That is why I say the Jewish Nalonal Fund embarked on a Point Four programme fifty years ago. I like to think that the first large scale programme of the Jewish National Fund was the reclamation of a desert valley called the valley of death. Today that valley is being brought back to life, and so is the whole of Israel. That is what Point Four programmes can do throughout the world, if we have the courage and the good sense to go ahead with them.

Working for Peace

Our Point Four programme is essential to our hopes for world peace. It is as important as our defence programme. I have been doing all I can to work for peace, and to make friends and allies for this country abroad, and to do everything that I possibly can to make every nation in the world friendly with every other nation in the world.

I am glad to say that Israel did escape the wild swings of the meat axe in the House of Representatives, but it was a close call. An attempt was made to cut down the funds that Israel needs to help itself, to take care of its refugees through improving its resources, and to place its economy on a firm, self sustaining foundation. But this cut was defeated. However, the amendement that was made in the Point Four programme will cut the funds for the countries that are neighbours to Israel, and for the free countries of Africa.



The Mesopotamian valley, properly developed, will support twenty or thirty millions of people, as it did in ancient times. It can in peace. It can be developed, with our help and it will be returned a thousandfold in the peace it will help to bring in the Near East. There are developments in Africa that can raise the standard of living of that continent tenfold in less than a generation.

Development Plans

Think what that means for peace. I can't help but dream a little out loud here. The Tigris and Euphrates valleys can be made to bloom as they did in the times of Babylon and Nineveh. Israel can be made the country of milk and honey as it was in the time of Joshua. That is what we are trying to do. There is a project which contemplates a siphon a hundred yards in diameter from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea valley. The fall would create enough power for the whole Near East. And it is not impossible, for I have seen the survey made on it. Those are the things that will make a peaceable world. Those are the things that we dream about. Those are the things that we are trying to put into effect.

I have had Gordon Clapp, the Chairman of the TVA board, make a survey of the Mesopotamian Valley, the Tigris to the Euphrates River, and several other rivers in that neighbourhood in Turkey and in Lebanon. These things can be done, and they are self liquidating projects.

We have immense amounts of money in this country that you might call risk capital hunting for a place for investment.

Politician's Work

If we can get peace and safety in the world under the United Nations, the developments will just come so fast we will not recognize the world in which we now live. I wish I could convert the Soviets.

I wish, as Israel did at one time, that people could understand, and that Almighty God would give them a pillar of fire to follow at night, and a pillar of smoke to follow in the daytime, so that we could accomplish this beautiful fight we are making for the peace of the world.

Think what a wonderful thing it would be if we had complete peace and harmony in the Near East. Think of the developments that I have been talking about. It is an integrated economic whole, with Israel as the industrial centre and the west of the country around there to produce the food and fibre necessary to feed that industrial mill of Israel. I am not a dreamer. I am a practical politician. I think I have proved that conclusively. And, my friends, a practical politician is a man who works for the welfare of the people for whom he is working.

Now I pray and I hope all of you will pray—that the effort which we are making for the peace of the world will not be wrecked for political purposes. *USIS*

VISITORS' GALLERY

'Royal' Messenger

TO meet one of the great army of "unknown soldiers" who fight the cause of Israel on the American front is as pleasant as it is instructive. For the second year in succession Mrs. Diana Yanow, of New York, who is now here on a visit, was crowned "Queen Esther" by the "Pioneer Women" when $25,000 was raised at the Purim ball for the Child Rescue Fund in Israel. In her handbag she carries a whole collection of documents from organizations for which she works as a full-time volunteer. In addition to the Heights-Inwood Democratic Club where she won her crown, she is associated with a Hadassah Chapter, the "People's Free Nurse," the American Red Cross, and last year she also became an "authorized volunteer in the State of Israel Bond Drive."

That is not the end though, for as a descendant of the "Brisker Rav" and the Soloveitchik family — famous in Lithuania and in the old Yishuv of Jerusalem — she is, of course, prominent in the "United Brisker Relief" of New York who have a branch in Tel Aviv. But her great love is what she calls "The Symphony of Israel." She did not come here however, just to have a look and done with, but insisted on living some time in a *ma'bara* and in small "shikunim."

It was quite thrilling to hear pretty and vivacious Mrs. Yanow report her experiences when she distributed the 32 cases of food and clothing she had brought along; or how she arranged, on the spur of the moment, a wedding in one of the *ma'barot*. And all at her own expense.

For the third time already, Mrs. Yanow has changed her return booking in order to prolong her stay in Israel. But once back in New York, her many friends will no doubt have a hard time when this messenger of good-will tells them what she saw and how impossible it is not to double one's contribution. *E.M.*

Readers' Letters

THE STOLEN TIARA

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Although I am not in the habit of correcting your art critics I am forced to make a few corrections in connection with the article on the tiara which appeared in your issue of May 27, and which is only one item among the works by Roukhmovsky stolen from our Museum.

Roukhomovsky, who was an artist of the very highest order and whom I knew and admired for many years, does not require criticism such as passed on him by your critic. The word "bric-a-brac" is not an insult to Roukhomovsky who never produced bric-a-brac but rather a comment on Th.F.M. if he uses this word in this connection. I do not want to go into detail as Roukhomovsky wrote an autobiography in Yiddish in which he tells his story in a dramatic and moving manner. Roukhomovsky never was in jail and this suggestion is an insult to a man of his integrity who never thought of producing anything not genuine, and had carried out an order without knowing what was intended. The artisan in him was bound up with the artist and this is felt in every work of his.

Your critic writes that the small tiara served as a model for the large one; this is not correct. When the tiara became famous Roukhomovsky made a few small copies of it as souvenirs which he distributed among members of his family.

N. NARKISS,
Director
The Bezalel National Museum.
Jerusalem, May 28.

Critic's Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — With reference to Mr. Narkiss' letter I would like to state the following:

1. Whether Roukhomsky's work was bric-a-brac or not is obviously a matter of critical opinion.

2. I never stated that Roukhomsky "was in jail," only that he was arrested in Odessa and brought to Paris, which information I owe to Mr. Narkiss himself.

3. I had not the slightest intention to insult Roukhomsky's memory as shown by the statement in my story "that his honour was fully vindicated."

Yours, etc.,
Th. F.M.

The sub-heading "worked in jail" was an editorial error and should have read "worked under supervision." Ed. J.P.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE Kol Yisrael orchestra, conducted by S. Mishori, did well in its Tuesday night concert, opening with a dignified performance of Ph. E. Bach's Concerto for Orchestra in D major. We felt decidedly less impressed by the Israel premiere of Mozart's Symphony No. 33 in B flat major (K. 319), however. Karl Berent was excellent as the soloist in P. Ben-Haim's well known Pastorale Variee for clarinet and strings. The highlight of the bill was Prokofieff's symphonic suite from the incidental music for the satirical motion picture: "Lieutenant Kije" which dealt with an imaginery character conjured up by the mad Czar Paul's misreading of an officer's honour list. In this sparkling extravaganza Prokofieff succeded in recreating the epoch with the Russian snows, the dull parade-ground ceremonies and the tankling sleigh-bells, full of mockery. *FRANGO*

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